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REMARKS

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1. On 7 October 1953, the Nachrichtenschule in Koenigsbrueck was occupied by about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including about 300 troops with tank insignia. About 20 T-34 tanks were in the barracks. 50X1-HUM
On 29 September, T-34 tanks left the installation toward Aue. During the night on 29 September, 21 T-34 tanks and about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the installation toward Neues Lager for an exercise of several days. On 7 October, an undetermined number of troops returned to the installation from the direction of Neues Lager on 10 trucks. 50X1-HUM
2. On 7 October, the Altes Lager was occupied by about 120 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and employed as fatigue detail. Motor vehicles were seen en route to and from the camp. 2 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM
3. Between 29 September and 3 October, artillery firing practices and exercises involving tanks and infantry were observed at the training area near Neues Lager. Motor vehicles were seen en route to and from the installation.
4. During the night on 29 September, 40 tanks were entrained for an undetermined direction at the Koenigsbrueck railroad station, while, on 30 September, ammunition was hauled to the station by trucks and was subsequently loaded. 50X1-HUM
On 4 October, a total of 54 railroad cars with ammunition left the railroad stations, while 8 x 132-mm rocket launchers and 16 trucks were loaded on a train, which included 8 boxcars, at the eastern railroad station. 3 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM
5. On 30 September, a tank unit was stationed west of Schwepnitz. At about 4:30 p.m. on 29 September, T-34/85 tanks were seen entering the camp, coming from the direction of Schwepnitz. 4 50X1-HUM

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6. On 6 September, the Nachrichten Schule was occupied by about 400 to 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] only the northern section of the installation was occupied, 50X1-HUM while the east section on the road was vacant. Intensive activity was observed in the barracks area during the period under review. On 29 September, 25 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia left the installation. Trucks [redacted] were seen en route to and from the installation. 1 50X1-HUM
7. On 30 September, the Altes Lager was occupied by an estimated 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The troops were employed in guard duty, as drivers and in the administration of the depot. About 200 fuel barrels, 2 underground tanks, each with a pump, a small ration supply depot, a motor vehicle repair shop which [redacted] included 5 vehicle sheds, and ammunition boxes in a low wooden building were observed in the area of the camp. On 29 September, 10 trucks were seen in the yard of the installation. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen en route to and from the installation. 2 50X1-HUM
8. On 30 September, the summer camp near Schwepnitz and Schmorkau was occupied by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and tank insignia; and several uniformed women wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, probably a headquarters. About 50 soldiers practiced aiming and 20 soldiers received theoretical instruction in the installation area. Noise of battle was heard from the training area from a western direction. On 30 September, a column of 8 BA-64 armored scout cars. [redacted]; 4 guns on gun motor carriages, half-track truck [redacted] 2 four-barreled machine guns with drum magazine mounted on half-track 50X1-HUM trucks, 3 small four-wheel armored personnel carriers, 1 van-like truck with grated windows and 60 soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, was seen in front of an entrance. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the camp [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] 50X1-HUM
9. On 30 September, the summer camp southwest of the Schwepnitz-Zeisholz road was occupied by about 30 soldiers. No sentries were observed at the camp and the Schwepnitz-Zeisholz road. 4
10. At about 7 p.m. on 29 September, 12 BA-64 armored scout cars were leaving Koenigsbrueck.
1. [redacted] Comment. From the units of the 11th Gds Tank Div stationed in the Nachrichten Schule, only the 44th Gds Tank Regt can be confirmed [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] 50X1-HUM
2. [redacted] Comment. The Altes Lager is occupied as previously by a fuel depot. [redacted]

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3. Comment. Between 1 and 5 October 1953, eight trains went from Koenigsbrueck to the posts of the 9th Tank Div.

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4. Comment. The summer camps of the 8th Gds Mecz Div are located in the Schwepnitz-Zeisholz-Otterschuetz-Schmorkau area, while those of the 11th Gds Tank Div are located in the Schmorkau-Krakau-Neues Lager area, adjoining to the south. elements of the two divisions were still at the camps on 30 September. The tank mentioned in paragraph 5 belong to the 1st Gds Tank Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div and the armored scout cars mentioned in paragraph 8 belong to the 11th Gds Tank Div.

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